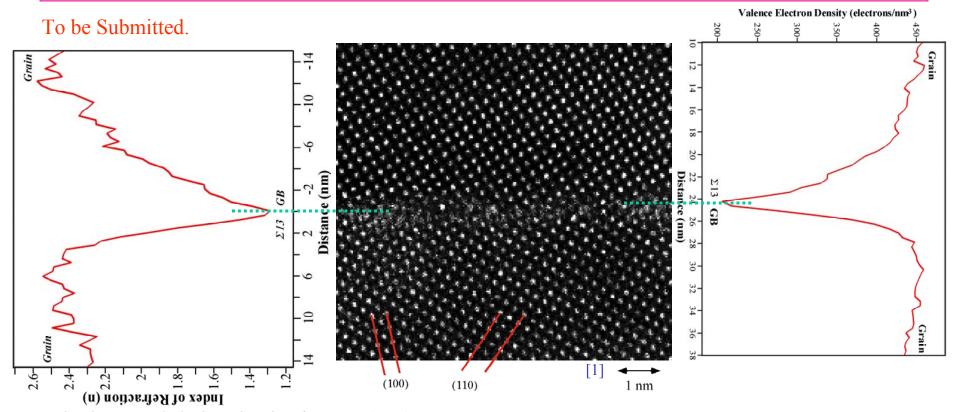
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By applying valence EELS spectroscopy, the determination of local optical properties becomes possible in a quantitative manner. We observed strong property gradients, in the Index of Refraction, reduced physical densities, and strong depletion in the valence electron densities, across near $\Sigma 13$ grain boundaries in Fe-doped SrTiO₃.



[1] O. Kienzle, Doctoral Thesis, University of Stuttgart (1999).

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Education & Outreach:

Dr. Guolong Tan presented this work in a poster titled as "Optical properties & Electronic structure: London Dispersion Forces and intergranular Films In Ceramics" in the SENS center's Nanotechnology Day. He introduced this work to a broad range people, from undergraduate students interested in the new Nanotechnology course, being offered by Prof. Karen I. Winey to students interested in the new Nanotechnology minor in the Engineering School. He even discussed the application of this work with Wharton MBA student interested in the business opportunities in Nanotechnology.

The SENS (Science and Engineering of Nanoscale Systems) Center hosted A campus wide Nanotechnology day At UPENN on October 21st, 2003.

